

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for producing a list of results, the system comprising:
a sort controller receiving a plurality of information items regarding content,
wherein, to produce the list of the results, the sort controller sorts the information items using primary and secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task context and a content type for the information items.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the primary sort key is selected by the user and the secondary sort key is selected based on a the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.
4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.
5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in an order determined by the sort controller together with a user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.
6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for producing a list of results, the apparatus comprising one of: an audio receiver, a video receiver, an Internet access device, and a remote control device, said apparatus comprising:

an input for receiving content and a plurality of information items regarding the content; and

a sort controller for receiving and sorting the information items using primary and secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task context and a content type for the information items.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the primary sort key is selected by the user and the secondary sort key is selected based on the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in an order determined by the sort controller together with a user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.

11. (Currently Amended) A sorting method comprising:

receiving content and a plurality of information items regarding the content; ~~and~~
sorting the information items using primary and secondary sort keys derived from predetermined user sorting preferences for a current user task context and a content type for the information items; and
producing a list of results.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the primary sort key is selected by the user and the secondary sort key is selected based on the nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
displaying the plurality of information items in an order determined by sorting using the primary and secondary sort keys together with a user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values under the primary sort key.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a user interface communicably coupled to the sort controller to receive user input identifying the current user task context.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a user interface communicably coupled to the sort controller to receive user input identifying the current user task context.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
receiving user input identifying the current user task context.

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24. (Canceled)